



# Mountain View Recycling Resource

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## Holiday Schedule

There will be no garbage or recycling collection on Friday, December 25 or Friday, January 1 due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later with Friday collection on Saturday.

## Tree Recycling

- Trees will be collected from homes with cart service at no charge between December 28 and January 15.
- Place undecorated green or flocked trees at the curb **on recycling day**.
- Remove metal stands and cut trees into 5-foot sections (to fit in truck).
- Residential properties with dumpster service (most apartments, certain condos and townhomes) must arrange tree collection service in advance (fee). Please do not set out trees in the street. Call Recology Mountain View at **650-967-3034**.



## Extra Holiday Recycling for Homes

Extra recycling will be collected from homes **on recycling day** at no charge between December 28 and January 8:

- Place cans and bottles in one paper bag or small box next to cart.
- Place mixed paper, newspaper, small cardboard together in another paper bag or small box.
- In the event of rain, please double-bag recycling.
- Flatten and bundle cardboard pieces (no larger than 3' by 3').

**Same Company, New Name!**  
**Foothill Disposal is now**



**Recology  
Mountain  
View**

Foothill Disposal's parent company, Norcal Waste Systems, Inc. has changed its name to Recology™ and as a result, Foothill Disposal will have a new name too—Recology Mountain View. This is a change in name only, and does not affect the current services provided to Mountain View residents or businesses, or the ownership or organizational structure of the company. The new logo and name will appear on trucks and company literature. The customer service phone number remains the same (**650-967-3034**).

## What to do with Packing Peanuts

Plastic (polystyrene) packing peanuts are not recyclable, but can be reused many times.

- Before deciding what to do with the peanuts that come into your life, determine if you have plastic peanuts or those made from vegetable starch. Peanuts made from vegetable starch are most likely colored green and may look somewhat like a cheese puff. To test, run one under water. If it dissolves, you can dispose of small quantities in your home compost pile or by dissolving in water and running down the drain.
- Pack the peanuts (in a sealed bag or box) so they don't get loose and litter our neighborhoods or end up in the creeks and bay.
- Reuse the peanuts in the next package you send and ask the recipient to do the same.
- Many UPS Stores, Mail Boxes Etc., and other small packing and shipping centers will accept your peanuts for reuse. Call ahead to verify. If you have difficulty finding a drop-off location, contact the Plastic Loosefill Council at **www.loosefillpackaging.com** or call their Peanut Hotline at **800-828-2214** for information on businesses and centers willing to accept used peanuts.
- Offer free peanuts and other packing materials on a website like **Craigslist.org** or **Freecycle.org**. People who sell on **eBay** or do other regular shipping may be happy to take them off your hands.
- Don't buy plastic packing peanuts for your own packaging needs. There are plenty of other packaging options that are fully recyclable. If you use peanuts, look for the biodegradable ones.

## Recycling FAQ's

### Do the recyclables in the split-carts get mixed together inside the truck?

No. The truck is also divided into two compartments to keep the recyclables separated. This separation keeps the recyclables clean and makes them easier to sort at the SMaRT™ Station so we earn a better price for our high-quality recyclables. Please be sure to set out your cart with the *wheels against the curb* so recyclables are loaded into proper sections of the truck. The photo shows a split-compartment truck being loaded.



### Why isn't food waste accepted in our yard trimmings cart?

The composting process for food scraps mixed with yard trimmings is different than that required for yard trimmings only. Our current processing contract is for yard trimmings only, so mixing food waste in the yard trimmings cart contaminates it and could cause the entire truck load to be rejected by the composting facility. Residential food waste composting programs will be evaluated during the upcoming preparation of a Zero Waste strategy for Mountain View. Residents can attend a free County workshop to learn how to compost at home and purchase a compost bin. For more information, contact **408-ROTLINE** or visit **www.reducewaste.org**.

## New Mountain View Green Businesses

Thirteen Mountain View businesses have achieved Green Business certification this past year through the Bay Area Green Business Program. To be certified, businesses must operate in an environmentally responsible manner, and meet or exceed standards for conserving natural resources, preventing pollution and minimizing solid waste. A complete list of Mountain View's many Green Businesses can be found at **www.mvrecycle.org**.

### Congratulations to Mountain View's new green businesses:

**Accretive Solutions • BookBuyers • Chamber of Commerce  
CleanServ Universal Services, Inc. • DGA Architects  
Ennovationz (formerly HomeZ) • Flashbay, Inc.  
Guckenhiemer Camino Medical • Helming's Auto Repair  
Hotel Zico • Merit Law Group • Pacific Eye Care Optometry  
Starbucks Coffee Company (Castro Street location)  
Total Cleaning • Vello Corporation**



This program is sponsored by Santa Clara County and Cities. Certified businesses receive use of the Green Business logo and window decal and are listed in the consumer's Green Business Directory. For more information, contact the County at **(408) 282-3180** or **www.reducewaste.org**.

How to Recycle at Home

Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology Mountain View and set on top of cart. Recology will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

Paper (Grey Lid)

Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology Mountain View and set on top of the curb.

Cardboard

Cut large cardboard into pieces about 3’x3’ and place on top of curb.

Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Call Recology Mountain View at **650-967-3034**.

Extra garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid stores, the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.



Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 6 am on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

**Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034.**

WHAT’S RECYCLABLE?

| What’s accepted?   |   | What’s not accepted?   |   |
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| <p><b>Paper</b></p> <p>All paper should be clean and without food residue.</p> <p>Catalogs, magazines, telephone books (no plastic wrapper)</p> <p>Cereal and cake mix boxes (remove all liners)</p> <p>Computer and plain fax paper</p> <p>Construction or art paper (less than 50% painted)</p> <p>Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Egg cartons (paper only)</p> <p>Gift-wrapping paper and greeting cards</p> <p>Junk mail and envelopes (plastic windows okay)</p> <p>Manila file folders</p> <p>Newspaper and inserts</p> <p>Paper (any color), tablet paper and backs</p> <p>Paper bags</p> <p>Paperback books</p> <p>Post-it notes</p> <p>Shoe or clothes boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Shredded paper (no plastic bag)</p> <p>Store receipts (NCR carbonless ok)</p> | <p><b>Metal Cans</b></p> <p>Aluminum cans</p> <p>Bimetal cans (cat food cans)</p> <p>Metal food cans and lids</p> <p>Steel and tin cans</p>  <p><b>Plastic Bottles and Tubs #1 through #7</b></p> <p>Baby wipe tubs</p> <p>Bakery, deli and salad tubs (no clamshells)*</p> <p>Catsup bottles</p> <p>Cottage cheese tubs</p> <p>Detergent bottles</p> <p>Margarine tubs</p> <p>Milk jugs</p> <p>Peanut butter jars</p> <p>Prescription bottles</p> <p>Shampoo bottles</p> <p>Syrup bottles</p> <p>Water, soda and juice bottles</p> <p>Yogurt tubs</p> | <p><b>Paper</b></p> <p>Any paper that has touched food.</p> <p>Beverage cups, coffee cups</p> <p>Binder clips (staples and small paperclips okay)</p> <p>Donut boxes, fast-food cups, burger wrappers</p> <p>Egg cartons (polystyrene foam)</p> <p>Foil gift wrap</p> <p>Food and candy wrappers, snack or potato chip bags</p> <p>Frozen food boxes</p> <p>Hardback books</p> <p>Ice cream cartons</p> <p>Milk, soy, juice cartons or bags</p> <p>Paper covered with paint or pet waste</p> <p>Pizza boxes</p> <p>Plastic-coated papers (photographs)</p> <p>Spiral-bound notebooks or vinyl binders</p> <p>Tissues, paper towels, paper plates</p> <p>Waxed (dark brown) cardboard</p> | <p><b>Plastic Bottles and Tubs</b></p> <p>Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons</p> <p>Beverage cups, plates, utensils and straws</p> <p>Bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap, plastic tarps</p> <p>Buckets, laundry baskets, crates, plant pots, pails</p> <p>Clamshells (deli, fast-food)*</p> <p>Computer disks or “jewel” boxes for disks</p> <p>Foam beverage cups, food or meat trays</p> <p>Foam packaging, blocks or “peanuts” (Styrofoam)</p> <p>Garden hoses or plastic toys</p> <p>Lids and caps</p> <p>Medical waste (saline bags, needles/ syringes)</p> <p>Photographs, negatives, microfiche, transparencies</p> <p>Plastic bags of any kind even if marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Plastic pens, pencils, glue bottles and glue sticks</p> <p>Styrofoam</p> <p>Toothpaste and ointment tubes</p>  |

\* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.

For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below\*).
- 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B).**Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 5 (Week A).

**Questions?** Call Recology Mountain View for schedules.  
Apartments with group carts should call Recology at **650-967-3034** for schedules.

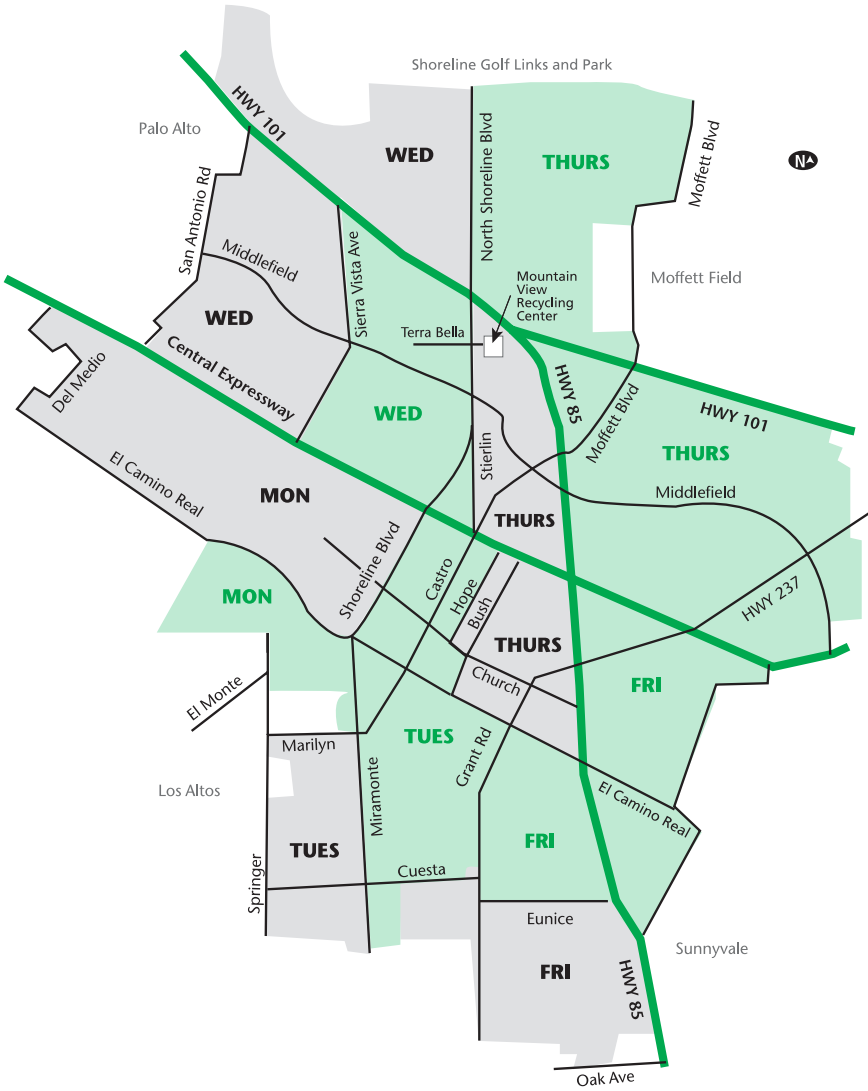
Holidays

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 25), Christmas (December 25) and New Year’s Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday collection on Saturday.

Free On-Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Recology at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 18, 2009 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8’L x 4’W x 4’H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments accepted December 18, 2009 through January 15, 2010.

\*Find your collection day online: **www.mvrecycle.org** and click on collection schedule.



Color = Week A  
Grey = Week B



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E-Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Services

Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Recology also accepts many items in the On-Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Recology Mountain View (650-967-3034)  
Curbside Collection  
On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup>)
- Cell phones<sup>2</sup>, telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530)  
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale (see map p.4)  
(fee/no fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (fee)
- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup> and vehicle)
- Cell phones<sup>2</sup>, telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves (fee) and stoves (fee)
- PDAs, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Tires (fee)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (fee)
- Water heaters (fee)

County HHW Program  
(408-299-7300 or www.hhw.org)  
By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup>)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Smoke detectors
- Thermometers and thermostats.

<sup>1</sup> Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (650-967-3034).  
<sup>2</sup> Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.

New  
E-waste drop off-events  
sponsored by Santa Clara County  
and cities. Event locations and dates  
are variable around the County, check  
www.mvrecycle.org  
for updated information.

# Recycling Directory

## Bulb and Battery Take-Back Locations

**Fluorescent lamps** (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

- Lamps and batteries**  
Blossom True Value Hardware  
1297 W El Camino Real, 650-964-7871  
(Leave with employee at register)
- Orchard Supply Hardware  
2555 Charleston Road, 650-691-2000  
(Leave at customer service desk)

- Lamps only**  
New Era Lighting  
2243 Old Middlefield Way, 650-940-1559

- Batteries only**  
Wolfe Camera  
1898 W El Camino Real, 650-968-5666

## Services

**Utility and garbage billing information**  
including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags.  
City Finance and Administrative Services Department  
650-903-6317

**Garbage and recycling collection**  
including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what’s recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services.  
Recology Mountain View  
650-967-3034

**Household batteries** can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers. Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

**Household hazardous waste** can be taken for free disposal by appointment.  
County Toxics Hotline  
408-299-7300  
www.hhw.org

**Home composting information**  
including free local workshops, compost bins and brochures.  
County Compost Hotline  
408-918-4640  
www.ReduceWaste.org

**Pollution prevention information** including best methods to reduce pollution.  
City Environmental Safety Staff  
650-903-6378

**Recycling Leaders Program**  
City Public Works Department  
650-903-6311

**Water conservation** information including methods, technology, and product rebates.  
City Water Conservation Staff  
650-903-6216

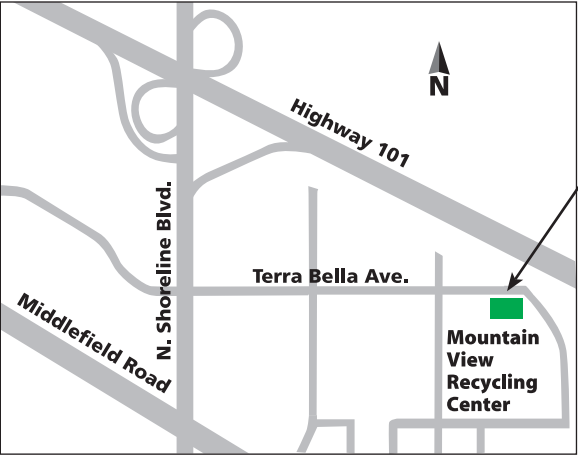
**Visit the City of Mountain View’s web site** for business or residential recycling information: **www.mvrecycle.org**



The Resource is printed on 30% post-consumer recycled paper. We welcome your comments and suggestions.  
Call 650-903-6311 or email [recycle@mountainview.gov](mailto:recycle@mountainview.gov).

## Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem “California Redemption Value” cans and bottles for cash.



### Mountain View Recycling Center 935 Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

**Hours:** Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am–3 pm  
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

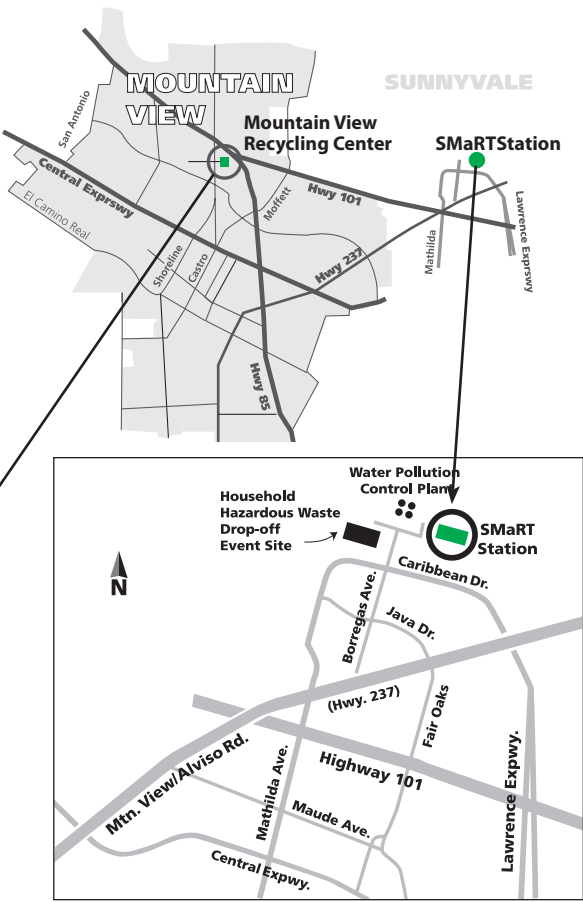
**Questions?** Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Days.

#### Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries\*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

\* **Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday**

Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



### SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View’s garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

**Hours:** Daily 7 days a week 8 am–5 pm.

**Questions?** Call SMaRT at **408-752-8530**.

#### Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7
- Plastic bags
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

| Solid Waste & Recycling Calendar 2009–2010 |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| December                                   |   |  |
| Dec. 26-<br>January 15                     | Holiday Tree Collection <i>on your regular recycling day</i>                                    |  |
| December<br>26-Jan. 8                      | Extra Holiday Recycling <i>on your regular recycling day</i>                                    |  |
| January                                    |   |  |
| January 17                                 | Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day  |  |
| February                                   |   |  |
| February 6                                 | Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop—Basics (San Jose)   |  |
| February 20                                | Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day  |  |
| March                                      |   |  |
| March 6                                    | Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop—Worm Composting (San Jose)                                      |  |
| March 13                                   | Arbor Day at Pioneer Park; info: 650-903-6273<br>Free Paper Shredding Event; info: 650-903-6311 |  |
| March 20                                   | Bay-Friendly Gardening Worskshop—Basics (Palo Alto)<br>Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day   |  |



**Bay-Friendly Gardening**  
To register call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at **408-918-4640** or register online at **[www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org)**.

**Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off**  
To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at **408-299-7300**. Visit **[www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org)** for more information.